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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sandy Barker

The end of a short summer, and from all reports, the tennis was well attended. Lots of good exercise and laughter. I miss battling it out on the courts with all of you and plan to return as soon as I can in the New Year. Another season of indoor tennis is under way. Three courts have been booked at Grant Connell, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 0700-0900, for STANS. Thank you Ian Dirom for your time and effort to make this happen. For those of us who simply show up to play, it all looks very easy, (most of the time), and that happens because of diligent planning, and efforts of the Court Captains. Anyone interested in playing please call:

John Kennedy 986-6474 for Monday Will Phillips 986-3919 for Wednesday John Boston 980-0565 for Friday

All regular spots are currently filled, but spares are often called and it's good for us to know how many players are keen to play indoors. With the expansion at Grant Connell, due to begin in the next few months, there is a good possibility we will have more courts available to us if there is a need.

I would like Ian Dodsewell to know that you are missed and I hope you are getting stronger every day.

It is so good to see Marian Goddard back hitting the ball as well as ever.

I hear Cyd Nash had a BIG Birthday recently. You are an inspiration to us all.

I apologize if I have missed anyone, so please don't hesitate to let any one of us on the executive know of injuries, illness, or celebrations.

Happy Hitting to you all.



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#### CHRISTMAS TENNIS SOCIAL

The Christmas Social and Round-Robin will take place at the Grant Connell Tennis Centre (280 Lloyd Ave.) on **Sunday, December 11, 2011**. All STANS members are cordially invited to attend, whether or not you want to play tennis that evening. There'll be food and music and it's a wonderful opportunity to socialize.

Time: 7:30 pm: Registration 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Play Refreshments will be available at your convenience.

Cost: \$10.00 for players \$4.00 for party only

We are only able to accommodate 40 players; the first 20 men and 20 women to register will play.

*Please tell us if you are coming* by calling Ian Dirom **604-988-4004** or by emailing him at **idirom@telus.net on or before December 5th.** 

Non-players are welcome to join us. There'll be lots of friendly people, the finger food is always delicious and we'd be delighted to have you join us. Refreshments provided by STANS.

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#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Our Membership Chairman, Will Phillips has advised us of the following new members:

Norman Alban May Burrell Barry Chambers Tom Laughlin Denis Martel

Welcome to STANS . . . and if you or any reader of this newsletter knows people who play tennis, we would love to welcome them as new members. Please direct them to our website www.seniorstennis.ca where an application form can be downloaded. Or call any member of your Executive and we'll send a membership application form.

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL JANUARY 2012-DECEMBER 2012

It's that time again! A membership registration form for the 2012 calendar year is included with this newsletter. All members wishing to continue their membership are asked to complete the form and sign and mail it, together with the \$15.00 per person fee, to the address shown on the form. Please do this as soon as possible before the end of December. Your support is much appreciated.



#### **GRANTSTO YOUNG PLAYERS-AN UPDATE**

#### **FILIP PELIWO**

Filip Peliwo is a member of Tennis Canada's National Training Centre (NTC) program. All of the

coaches have expressed their appreciation to STANS members for their continuing and generous support of these young players.



#### 2011

- ☑ Highest ITF junior ranking 34 in the world
- ☑ First appearance in all four Slam tournaments with best results in Rolland Garros round of 32, beating #1 junior and losing to eventual winner; round of 16 at US Open, beating #10 ranked player
- ☑ Winning Canadian U18 Nationals
- ☑ Pro tour 5 tournaments this year with two quarter finals and several wins over top 500 pros in the world. #863 ranking after only 5 tournaments

#### **MARK NYUGEN**

Wayne Elderton, Mark Nyguen's coach, gives us this update:

- ✓ Mark has been making the transition from U14 to U16 age division.
- ☑ He is currently ranked #9 in BC in U16.
- ☑ In the summer he was selected for the Western Canada Summer Games team and won a Gold medal in Mixed Doubles.
- ☑ He finished 4th at the Outdoor Provincial Championships in July.
- ☑ He is currently working to qualify for the 2012 U16 Indoor Nationals.

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#### PICNIC AND ROUND ROBIN

Our annual picnic and round robin was held on August 9th, which turned out to be perfect weather for tennis. The Brenda Sacre trophy was presented to Margaret Engler, and many other prizes were handed out. Once again, thank you Ian Dirom and helpers for another fun, annual event. Around 60 people came, and it appeared a good time was had by all.

I would like to thank everyone who emailed, and called with positive feedback. It is very much appreciated. Amongst the various talents in this senior group is a poet who kindly put her thoughts into words, and I'd like to share them with you:

"I had a lovely feeling when I got home today.
I'd been to the tennis social even tho I didn't play
What a welcoming bunch of people I hadn't seen
for a time,

Smiled and greeted me with gusto, saying, "It sure has been a while"!

The group still seems so vital and active on their feet

So Kudos to the committee, for lunch and chores galore.

And keep on "Acing" STANS, for years and years to score.

Joy Tucker





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#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

From time to time at STANS events, you may notice one or more photographers taking photos. Some of those photos will appear in STANS Newsletters and on the



website. If for any reason you don't want your photograph taken, please let the photographer know and we will respect your wishes.



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#### **B.C. SENIORS GAMES 2011**

This year the 24th BC Seniors Games were held August 16th-20th, hosted by the West Kootenay. We offer our congratulations to STANS member Wolfgang Sollors, who won Gold in Men's doubles, and Silver in Mixed doubles in the 65-69 age category. Wolfgang enjoyed being picked up by a Limo and treated like a celebrity. Good for you Wolfgang.



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## GRANT CONNELL TENNIS CENTRE EXPANSION

John Kennedy

At the recent AGM of the North Vancouver Tennis Society (attended by a number of STANS members). President Elmer Helm brought the meeting up to date on the proposal to expand the GCTC facilities with the addition of six more courts. Under the supervision of the Recreation Commission's Gary Houg, Manager, Maintenance and Engineering, a Project Manager has been engaged (Turnbull), the environmental concerns have been resolved and very recently an architectural firm (Shape) has been engaged. Shape is the firm that recently designed the new UBC tennis courts. At the time of this writing a meeting between the Architects and the tennis community has been scheduled to encourage players to offer Shape their ideas and comments in preparation for developing the facility design, layout and amenities. Stay tuned to the STANS website for continuing updates.



#### NORTH VANCOUVER TENNIS SOCIETY

c/o Grant Connell Tennis Centre 280 Lloyd Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C. V7P 3H3

All STANS members are invited to join and support the NVTS in promoting and advocating for tennis development in North Vancouver. We enjoy our access to North Vancouver's public tennis courts and the Grant Connell Tennis Centre! By becoming a member (for a mere \$5 annual fee), you will have your say in the evolution of tennis in our community. Should you wish to join the Tennis Society, a membership application is available by writing to the STANS executive at seniorstennis@yahoo.com or you

newsletter.

can reach us by mail at the address at the top of this

### **THANK YOU**

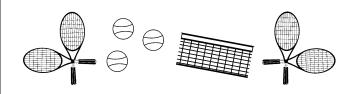
Sandy Barker

I'm quite sure most of STANS members know

Ian Dirom, but I'd like everyone to know just how much he contributes to our association. Ian is in charge of Programs, and he quietly and efficiently organizes our social events. He does all the ground work to



ensure that we have indoor courts for our use from October to April at Grant Connell. He also is the one who arranges our summer court times. Ian has helpers for the Socials, and the court captains are doing a great job, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, but Ian is the one who get's the ball rolling for all of these events. Ian I want you to know how much you are appreciated



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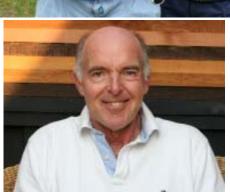
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